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| <b>Activity:</b> | <b>Federal Land Acquisition</b> |
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**Activity Summary**

|                           | FY 2005<br>Enacted | FY 2006<br>Estimate | FY 2007                                |                             |                   | Change<br>From<br>2006<br>(+/-) |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
|                           |                    |                     | Fixed<br>Costs &<br>Related<br>Changes | Program<br>Changes<br>(+/-) | Budget<br>Request |                                 |
| Federal Land Acquisition  | 42,734             | 7,790               | 0                                      | +5,907                      | 13,697            | +5,907                          |
| <b>Total Requirements</b> | <b>42,734</b>      | <b>7,790</b>        | <b>0</b>                               | <b>+5,907</b>               | <b>13,697</b>     | <b>+5,907</b>                   |
| <i>FTE Requirements</i>   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                                      | 0                           | 0                 | 0                               |

**Summary of FY 2007 Programmatic Changes for Federal Land Acquisition**

| Request Component   | Amount        | FTE      | Page #  |
|---|---------------|----------|---------|
| Programmatic Changes  |               |          |         |
| • Focus Land Acquisition Primarily on Emergency Projects and Inholdings | +5,907        | 0        | LASA-10 |
| <b>TOTAL, Program Changes</b>   | <b>+5,907</b> | <b>0</b> |         |
| • Fixed Costs and Related Changes                                       | --            | 0        | --      |
| <b>NET CHANGE</b>   | <b>+5,907</b> | <b>0</b> |         |

**Mission Overview**

The Federal Land Acquisition Activity supports the National Park Service mission by contributing to three fundamental goals for the National Park Service: 1) Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored, and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context; 2) The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values so that management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information; and 3) Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities. This budget activity contributes to DOI's outcome goals to improve health of watersheds, landscapes, and marine resources; sustain biological communities; protect cultural and natural heritage resources; provide for a quality recreation experience, including access and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources; and, protect lives, resources and properties.

**Justification of 2007 Program Changes**

The FY 2007 budget request for Federal Land Acquisition is \$13.697 million and 0 FTE, a program change of +\$5.907 million from the FY 2006 level

**Focus Land Acquisition Primarily on Emergency Projects and Inholdings: +\$5.907 million**

The NPS proposes to focus land acquisition funding to emergency, hardship, relocation, inholdings and exchanges, and a few high priority projects. This will allow the NPS to concentrate its resources on existing responsibilities while leaving flexibility to respond to opportunities that are advantageous for park operations and resource stewardship. One of those significant opportunities for the NPS is the acceptance of donations, and this will allow the staff to more thoroughly address the workload associated with the donations it receives; concentrating on the due diligence necessary to process these actions, such as title services, environmental site assessments, and relocation actions in compliance with PL 91-646, often requiring more staff time than a traditional acquisition. Additionally, in response to the direction of Congress expressed in the FY 2006 language, the NPS will focus efforts on establishing the Flight 93 National Memorial.

## Program Performance Change Table

| <b>Total Performance Change</b>  |  | <b>4,500 additional acres acquired</b> |   |  |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|
|  | <b>A</b>   | <b>B</b>                               | <b>C</b>  | <b>D= B+C</b>                          | <b>E</b>   |
|  | <b>Overall Performance Changes from 2006 to 2007</b> |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Measure</b>   | <b>2006 Enacted Performance</b>                      | <b>2007 Base Performance Level</b>     | <b>2007 Impact of Program Change on Performance</b> | <b>2007 Budget Request Performance</b> | <b>Out-year Impact of 2007 Program Change on Performance</b> |
| Emergency / In-holdings / and Exchange acres acquired  | 10,000 acres estimated                               | 10,000 acres estimated                 | +4,500 estimated                                    | 14,500 estimated                       | 4-5,000 acres  |
| <b>Column B:</b> The performance level you expect to achieve absent the program change (i.e., at the 2006 enacted level plus/minus funded fixed cost/related changes); this would reflect, for example, the impact of prior year funding changes, management efficiencies, absorption of fixed costs, and trend impacts. |  |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Column E:</b> The out-year impact is the change in performance level expected in 2008 and Beyond of ONLY the requested program budget change; it does <u>not</u> include the impact of receiving these funds again in a subsequent outyear.   |  |  |   |  |  |

## FY 2007 Program Performance Estimates

Using funds appropriated within the Federal Land Acquisition budget activity, the NPS acquires land and interests in land to preserve and protect, for public use and enjoyment, the historic, scenic, natural, and recreational values of congressionally authorized areas within the National Park System. This program helps to meet the increasingly heavy visitor demand for Federal recreation areas, conserves outstanding resources for public recreational use before they are converted to incompatible uses, and preserves the Nation's natural and historic heritage.

A total of 1,807,639 non-Federal acres within the authorized boundaries of the National Park System have been identified for Federal acquisition after FY 2006 at an estimated cost of \$1.7 billion. The Land Resources Program has established a target of acquiring one percent per annum of the lands identified. This modest target, based on anticipated appropriation levels, will place emphasis on high-priority acquisitions and encourage innovative means of working with partners and neighbors to protect non-Federal lands until such time as the Service can acquire them.

## Fiscal Year 2007 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program

| Priority     | Program/Park Unit                    | State(s)     | Acres        | Amount        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|              | Emergencies/Hardships                |              | --           | 2,349         |
|              | Inholdings/Exchanges                 |              | --           | 2,348         |
| 1            | Flight 93 National Memorial          | Pennsylvania | 1,656        | 5,000         |
|              | Civil War Battlefield Sites (Grants) | Various      | N/A          | 4,000         |
| <b>Total</b> |                                      |              | <b>1,656</b> | <b>13,697</b> |

A more comprehensive table of the FY 2007 NPS Federal Land Acquisition program follows on page 14.

## FY 2006 Planned Program Performance

Some of the needs to be addressed in the FY 2006 land acquisition program include:

- Supporting vital partnership efforts to protect nationally significant resources: Sleeping Bear Dunes NL, Big Thicket NP, Harpers Ferry NHP.
- Critical acquisitions of lands added by recently enacted legislation: Lewis and Clark NHP, Wilson's Creek NB.

The following table lists the FY 2006 Land Acquisition Program:

**Summary of NPS FY 2006 Land Acquisition Program**

| <b>Program/Park Unit</b>   | <b>State(s)</b>                | <b>Amount</b>  |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Emergencies/Hardships  | Various                        | \$2,463        |
| Inholdings/Exchanges   | Various                        | 2,463          |
| Civil War Battlefield Preservation Grants                        | Various                        | 2,956          |
| Big Thicket National Preserve                                    | Texas                          | 1,971          |
| Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park               | Georgia                        | 1,774          |
| Gauley River National Recreation Area                            | West Virginia                  | 493            |
| Golden Gate National Recreation Area                             | California                     | 517            |
| Haleakala National Park  | Hawai'i                        | 3,645          |
| Harpers Ferry National Historical Park                           | West Virginia                  | 1,971          |
| Ice Age National Scenic Trail                                    | Wisconsin                      | 985            |
| Lewis and Clark National Historical Park                         | Oregon and Washington          | 1,576          |
| New River Gorge National River                                   | West Virginia                  | 1,971          |
| Pinnacles National Monument                                      | California                     | 2,956          |
| Piscataway Park  | Maryland                       | 690            |
| Shenandoah Valley Battlefields                                   | Virginia                       | 985            |
| Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore                           | Michigan                       | 5,222          |
| Wilson's Creek National Battlefield                              | Missouri                       | 1,182          |
| Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve                    | Alaska                         | 739            |
| <i>Transfer of unobligated balance from Gulf Islands NS</i>      | <i>Florida and Mississippi</i> | <i>-9,769</i>  |
| <i>Transfer of unobligated balance from Everglades NP to NPS</i> |                                |                |
| <i>Construction</i>  | <i>Florida</i>                 | <i>-17,000</i> |
| <b>Total</b>   |                                | <b>7,790</b>   |

**FY 2005 Program Performance Accomplishments**

- The NPS, with the assistance of two non-profit conservation organizations, purchased 4,556 acres of timberland at Big Thicket NP in the State of Texas.
- At Great Sand Dunes NP two tracts of land totaling 3,816 acres were purchased from a nonprofit conservation organization that had been working in partnership with NPS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Forest Service over the past four years.
- Pursuant to Public Law 108-430, 15,309 acres of Federal land authorized for transfer from the Bureau of Land Management were included in Petrified Forest NP.
- For the Moccasin Bend Unit of Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP, the National Park Service accepted donations totaling 625 acres from the State of Tennessee, Hamilton County, and the city of Chattanooga.
- The National Park Service purchased a 78.62-acre portion of the 550-acre Gillette Ranch from Soka University at Santa Monica Mountains NRA. The property, containing oak woodlands and historic structures, will serve as a principle visitor gateway and information center for over 35 million annual visitors to the national recreation area.
- At Richmond NBP, the National Park Service purchased a 254-acre tract from the Civil War Preservation Trust and accepted the donation of 104.53 acres from Wilton Development Corporation.

**Performance Overview**

**NOTE:** This table does not include any proposed goal and measure changes resulting from the DOI Strategic Plan update now underway. See Performance Summary Tab for details.

| <b>Measure</b>               | <b>2005 Plan</b> | <b>2005 Actual</b> | <b>Change from 2005 Plan</b> | <b>2006 Enacted</b> | <b>2006 Change from 2005</b> | <b>2007 Request</b> | <b>2007 Change from 2006</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Acres acquired (SP BUR 11a6) | 6,210            | 9,400              | + 3,190                      | Estimated 10,000    | +600                         | Estimated 14,500    | + 4,500                      |